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In re application of  
Bi-Yu Li *et al.*  
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Quantitative Measure of Nucleic Acid  
Fragments

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REPLY TO RESTRICTION/ELECTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In the Office Action mailed March 24, 2003, the claims were restricted into four groups: group I, claims 1-13 and 16-21; group II, claim 22, group III, claim 14; and group IV, claim 23. Accordingly, Applicants hereby elect the claims of group I (claims 1-13 and 16-21) without traverse. However, Applicants reserve their right to Petition from the election requirement under 37 C.F.R. § 1.144.

It is believed that there is no need for an Extension of Time for entry of this paper. However, if it is deemed that any such extension or any other fees are necessary to maintain pendency of this application, then the Office is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1744 (in the name of Syngenta Biotechnology Inc.) for payment of such fees.

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